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SUBJECT: TRIAL HEARING OF LAWYER HAN SUNG-HON

1. ON JULY 3 SEOUL DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURT HELD SIXTH SESSION IN TRIAL OF LAWYER HAN SUNG-HON PRESIDED OVER BY JUDGE YI YONG-POM.

2. SESSION WAS TAKEN UP BY TESTIMONY OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES, INCLUDING YU KIL-MYONG, A KBS RESEARCH SPECIALIST WHO TESTIFIED ON HAN'S ESSAY "A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE." HE CLAIMED THAT WHILE THE ESSAY ITSELF DID NOT REFER TO "ESPIONAGE AGENT" KIM KYU-NAM, WHEN READ TOGETHER WITH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON SPY TRIAL THE INFERENCE TO KIM AS CLEAR.

3. AT END OF TESTIMONY COURT CONSENTED TO DEFENSE REQUEST TO ACCEPT EXPERT REPORT ON ESSAY BY THREE LITERARY CRITICS, NOVELIST AN SU-KIL, AND WRITERS YU CHU-HYON AND YI O-RYONG. NEXT COURT SESSION IS TO BE HELD JULY 25.
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